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ELECTIONS

Election of 22 members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint and Co-sponsored Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

Note by the Secretariat

1. By resolution 1994/24 of 26 July 1994, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the establishment of a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS and requested the President of the Council to organize, in cooperation with the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations, informal open-ended consultations, to be held as soon as possible, for the purpose of deciding on the specific composition of the programme coordination board that would govern the programme.

2. By decision 1995/222 of 5 May 1995, the Council decided that the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint and Co-sponsored Programme on HIV/AIDS should comprise 22 members, with the following distribution of seats (see also E/1995/60):

(a) Five seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;**

(c) Two seats for Eastern European States;

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** Japan is included among the Asian States.

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(d) Three seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Seven seats for Western European and other States.

3. The Council also decided that the first elections would be conducted by the Council on 1 June 1995, that the members would be elected for a three-year term and that, in order to provide continuity on the Board, following the first election, there would be a drawing of lots, by which one third of those elected would serve for a term of one year, one third for a term of two years and one third for a term of three years.

4. The Council also decided that, in addition to States Members of the United Nations, observer States would be able to submit their candidacy for election.